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SUBJECT: MORE CHILEANS ARRESTED

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN SIX MONTHS, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE  
ARRESTED CHILEAN NATIONALS ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE. THE  
ARRESTS TOOK PLACE APRIL 4-7 AT RIO GALLEGOS, IN THE  
SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCE OF ARGENTINA, SANTA CRUZ. ACCO  
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TO THE PRESS, MANUEL EDUARDO FLORES VILLAGRAN, A NATIVE OF  
CHILE BUT A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN, WAS PICKED UP  
APRIL 4 BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WERE FOUND IN HIS BELONGINGS,  
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THEY ADDED THAT FLORES  
VILLAGRAN LATER IMPLICATED SEVERAL OTHER CHILEANS (THE  
NO. AS REPORTED VARIES FROM 5-9) AND AN  
ARGENTINE, ALFREDO ABDALA, AS ALSO BEING INVOLVED. OTHERS  
NAMED IN REPORTS AS ARRESTED ARE LIDIA AND JORGE  
FLORES VILLAGRAN (CHILEAN CITIZENS AND SISTER AND  
BROTHER OF EDUARDO), ROSA HILDA BORDEN AND LUCIA DEL  
CARMEN LLAIPEN. ALL THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN PUT AT  
THE DISPOSISITION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE.  
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